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Of faith in the holy

Trinitie.



HERE is but one lyuping and true God, everlatlying, without body, partes, or pattons, of infinite power, wyloome, 4 goodnelle, the maker and preferuer of althings both buible and invitible. And in buitte of this Godhead there

be three perfons, of one lubitaunce, power, and eternitie, the father, the fonne, a the holy gholt,

Of the worde or some of God which was made very man.

The Sonne, which is the worde of the father, begotten from everlatting of the father, the bery and eternal GDD, of one substance with the father, toke mans nature

in the wombe of the bleffed Wirgin, of her subflaunce: so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were ioned together in one person, never to be divibed, whereof is one Christe, bery GDD and bery man, who truely suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his sather to be, and to be a sacrifice, not onely for original gylt, but also for all actual sinnes of men.

Of the goyng downe of Christe into hell.

A Christe dred for bs, and was buried: so also it is to be beleved that he went downe into hell.

Of the Refurrection

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And toke agapte his body, with fleth, bones, and all thinges apparteening to the perfection of mans nature, where with he alcended into heatien, and there litteth, butyll he returne to judge all men at the last day.

Of the holy ghost.

The holy gholf, proceeding from the father and the forme, is of one substance, maichie, and glorie, with the father and the some, bery and eternall God.

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Of the Sufficiencie of the boly Scriptures 6

I Dive Scripture conteyneth all thynges necessarie to saluation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, not may be proved thereby, is not to be required of anye man, that it should be believed as an article of the sayth, or be thought requisite necessarie to saluation. In the name of holy Scripture, we do buderstands those Canonicall bookes of the olde and newe Testament, of whose aucthoritie was never any doubt in the Churche.

Of the names and number of the Canonicall Bookes.

The Lbooke of Chroni. Genefis. The.2.booke of Chroni. Exodus. Leuiticus The .t. booke of Efdras. The.2. booke of Efdras. Numerie. The booke of Hefter. Deuteronomium The booke of lob. Iofue. The Pfalmes. Iudges. The Pronerbes. The ... boke of Samuel, Ecclefia or preacher. The.2. boke of Samuel, Cantica, or fonges of Sa, The.1. booke of Kinges. 4. Prophetes the greater. The,2, booke of Kinges. 12, Propheres the leffe. And

And the other bookes (as Dierome layth) the Church both reade for example of lyfe and instruction of maners: but yet doth it not applie them to elablishe any doctrine. Such are these following.

The third boke of Esdras. Baruch, the Prophet.
The fourth boke of Esdras The song of the three
The booke of Tobias. children.
The booke of Susanna.
The rest of the booke of Of Bel and the Dragon.
Hester. The prayer of Manasses.
The boke of VVisdome. Thest, boke of Machab.
Iesus the sonne of Sirach, The.2.booke of Macha.

All the bookes of the newe Tellament, as they are commonly receased, we do recease and accompt them for Canonicall.

Of the olde Testament.

The olde Testament is not contrary to the newe, so; both in the olde and newe Testament everlasting lyse is offered to mankinde by Christe, who is the onlye mediatour betweene God and man, being both God and man. Wherefore they are not to be hearde whiche saigne that the olde sathers byd looke onlye so; transitorie promises. Although the lawe geven from

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from God by Moyles, as touchying ceremonies and rites, do not byinde Christian men, nor the chiffe preceptes therofought of necessitie to be receased in any common wealth; yet not with samplying, no Christian man what somer, is free from the obedience of the commaundementes, whiche are called morall.

Of the three Credes.

The three Credes, Nicene Crede, Athanafius Creds, and that which is commonlye called the Apollies Crede, ought throughlye to be receased and beleved: for they may be proved by molte certaine warrauntes of holye scripture.

Of original or birth sime.

Riginall sinne standeth not in the solowing of Adam (as the Pelagians do basie ly talke) but it is the fault a corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engended of the officing of Adam, whereby man is very farre gone from originall ryghteousnes, and is of hys owne nature enclined to eugli, so that the slesse lusteth alwayes contrary to the spirite, and therefore in every person borne into this worlde, it deserveth Gods wrath and damma.

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damnation. And this infection of nature dother remayne, yea in them that are regenerated, whereby the tuste of the slesse, called in Greke infermed accords, which some do expounde the wisdome, some sensualitie, some the affection, some the desyre of the sleshe, is not subject to the lawe of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized: yet the Apostle doth confesse that concupiscence and sustensible both of it selfe the nature of synne.

Offree will.

The condition of man after the fall of Adam is lucke, that he can not turne and prepare hym felfe by hys owne natural Arength and good workes, to fayth and calling byon God: noherefore we have no power to do good workes pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christe preventing by, that we may have a good wyll, a working with by, when we have that good wyll.

Of the iustification of man.

Care accompted righteous before God, only for the merite of our Lord a fautour Jelus Christ, by faith, a not for our owne workes

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mothes or deferuynges. Wherefore, that we are fullified by fayth only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and bery full of comfort, as more largely is expelled in the Homilie of tultification.

Ofgood workes.

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A Lbeit that good workes, whiche are the fruites of fayth, and folowe after instiffication, can not put away our sinnes, and endure the seneritie of Gods indgement: yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christe, and do spring out necessaryly of a true and lively faith, in so muche that by them, a synchy fayth may be as endently knowen, as a tree discerned by the fruit.

Of workes before iustification.

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Defes done before the grace of Christe, and the inspiration of his spirite, are not pleasaunt to God, foral muche as they spring not of fayth in Jesu Christ, neither do they make men meete to receaue grace, or (as the schole aucthours say) deserve grace of congruitie: year ather for that they are not done as GDD hath wylled and commaunded them to be done, we bould not but they have the nature of sinne,

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Of workes of supererogation.

Diuntary wothes, belydes, over and above Gods commaumbementes, whiche they call wothes of supererogatio, can not be taught without arrogancie and impletie. For by them men do declare that they do not only render but God as muche as they are bounde to do, but that they do more for his lake then of bounden ductie is required: whereas Christ layth plainely, when ye have done at that are commaunded to you, lay, we be bupyofitable servauntes.

Of Christ alone without sinne.

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Orfit in the trueth of our nature, was made like but o bs in al thinges (linne only except) from whiche he was clearly boyde, both in his flethe, a in his spirite. Decame to be the lambe without spot, who by sacrifice of hym selfe once made, should take away the sinnes of the wastee: and sinne (as S. Johnsayth) was not in him. But al we the rest (although baptized, and borne agayne in Christe) yet offende in many thynges: and if we say we have no sinne, we decease our selves, and the trueth is not in bs.

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Offinne after Baptisme.

DE euery deadly finne willyngly committed after baptilme, is linne against the boly ahoff, and buparbonable. wherefore, the grannt of repentatince is not to be denyed to fuch as fal into finne after baptifme. After we have receaued the holy ghoff, we may depart from grace genen, and fall into finne, and by the grace of god (we may) arile againe and amende our lines. Ind therefore, they are to be condemned, whiche fap they can no moze linne as long as they lyue here, or denne the place of forgevenette to fuche as true. lpe repent.

Of predestination and election.

Redestination to lyfe, is the everlastyng purpole of God, wherby (before the foundations of the world were land he hath constantly becreed by his counsell secrete to bs, to definer from curse and damnation, those whom he hath chofen in Chrifte out of mankynde, and to bryng them by Chailte to everlativng fatuation, as bel sels made to honour. Wherfore they which be inbued with so excellent a benefite of God. be caffed according to Gods purpole by his spirite wor hyng in due featon: they through grace obey the callying: they be fulliffed freelye: they be made sonnes of God by adoption: they be made lyke

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the image of his onlye begotten some Jelus Christe: they walke religiously in good workes, and at length by gods mercy, they attaine to ever

lastyng felicitie.

As the godly confyderation of predestination. and our election in Chaite, is full of fweete, pleafaunt, and buspeakeable comfort to godly perfons, and fuch as feele in them felues the working of the Wirite of Chailte, mostifying the worker of the fletbe, a they earthly members, and drawing by they minde to byah and heavenly thinges, al well because it doth greatly establyshe and contirme they fayth of eternall faluation to be entoved through Christ as because it both feruently kindle their loue towardes God : So, foz curious and carnal persons, lacking the spirite of Christe, to have continually before they eves the fentence of Gods predestination, is a moste daungerous downefall, whereby the denyll doth thrust them either into desperation, or into rechlemeste of most bucleane living, no less verilous then desveration.

furthermoze, we must recease Gods promises in such wyle, as they be generally let foozth to be in holy scripture: and in our doynges, that wyl of God is to be followed, whiche we have expressed beclared but obs in the worde of God.

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Of obtaynyng eternall saluation, on- 18
ly by the name of Christe.

They also are to be had accurred, that presume to say, that everye man shalbe saved by the same or sect which he professes, so that he be diligent to frame his lyfe according to that sawe, and the lyght of nature. For holye scripture both set out but do so onlye the name of Jesus Christe, whereby men must be saved.

Of the Church.

The visible Church of Christe, is a congregation of faythfull men, in the which the pure worde of God is preached, and the Sacramentes be duely ministred, according to Christes ordinaunce in all those thruges that of necessitie are requisite to the same.

As the Church of Pierusalem, Alexandria, and Antioche have erred: so also the Church of Rome hath erred, not only in they? Isuing and maner of ceremonies, but also in matters of sayth.

Of the aucthoritie of the Churche,

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T is not lawfull for the Church to ordayne any thying that is contrary to Gods word written, neyther may it so expounde one place of Bill scrip-

Ceripture, that it be repugnaumt to another. Wherfore, although the Church be a wetwelle a a keper of holy writ: yet, as it ought not to decree any thying agayiff the same, so bely des the same, ought it not to enforce any thying to be beleved for necessitie of saluation.

Of the aucthoritie of generall Counselles,

Generall Countels may not be gathered totopli of princes. Ind when they be gathered
together (foralmuche as they be an allemblye of
men, wherofall be not governed with the spirite
a word of God) they may erre, and sometyme have
erred, even in thyinges parterning but God,
meherefore, thinges ordeined by them as necessary
to saluation, have neyther strength nor aucthorite, builess it may be declared that they be taken
out of holy scripture.

Of Purgatorie.

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The Romphe doctrine concerning pringatoric, pardons, worthippying and adoration alwell of images, as of reliques, and also inuocation of Saintes, is a fonde thing, bainly invented, and grounded byon no warrantie of Scripture, but rather repugnaum to the worde of God.

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Of ministring in the congre-

gation. Tis not lawfull for any man to take byon him the office of publique preaching, or ministrying the Sacramentes in the congregation, before he be lawfully called and fent to execute the fame. And those we ought to judge lawfully called and sent, whiche be chosen and called to this worke by men who have publique aucthozitie geuen bnto them in the congregation, to call and lende mini-Gers into the Lordes binevarde.

Offpeakyng in the congregation, in fuch a tongue as the people vnderstandeth.

Tisa thyng playnely repugnaunt to the word of God, a the cultome of the primative Church, to have publique prayer in the Churche, or to minister the Sacramentes, in a tonque not bre derstanded of the people.

Of the Sacramentes.

Acramentes ordayned of Christe, be not only hadges or tokens of christian mens profession: but rather they be certaine fure witnesses and effectualifignes of grace and Gods good wyll towardes be, by the which he doth worke inuffibly

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in bs, and both not only quicken, but allo firenge then and confirme our fayth in him.

There are two Sacramentes orderned of Christe our Lorde in the Golpell, that is to say,

Baptilme, and the Supper of the Lorde.

Those four, commonly called Sacramentes, that is to say, Confirmation, Penaunce, Debers, Matrimonie, and extreme Unction, are not to be compted for Sacramentes of the Golpel, being such as have growen partly of the corrupt following of the Apostles, partly are states of life alowed in the scriptures: but yet have not lyke nature of Sacramentes with Baptisme and the Lordes Supper, for that they have not any visible signe or ceremonic ordayned of God.

The Sacramentes were not oxdayned of Christ to be gased upon, or to be carped about: but that we shoulde duely vie them. And in such only, as worthyly recease the same, they have a wholesome effect ox operation: But they that recease them believely, purchase to them selves dame.

nation, as. S. Paul layth.

Of the vnworthynesse of the ministers, which hinder not the effect of the Sacramentes.

A Lthough in the vilible Churche the eugli be ever myngled with the good, a sometime the eugli have cheefe aucthozitie in the ministration

tion of the worde & Sacramentes: pet foralimetre as they do not the fame in theyr owne name, but in Christes, and do minister by his commission and aucthoritie, we may ble theyr ministerie, both in hearing the word of God, a in the receauing of the Sacramentes. Peyther is heffect of Christes ordinaunce taken away by theyr wickednesse, nor the grace of Gods gyttes diminished from such as by fayth a ryghtlye do recease the Sacramentes ministred buto them, which be effectual, because of Christes institution and promyse, although they be ministred by early men.

Devertheless, it appartement to the discipline of the Churche, that enquirie be made of engli ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of they? offences: and finally, be and founde aplice by full indement, be deposed.

Of Baptisme.

Daptisme is not only a signe of profession, and marke of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from other that be not christened: but is also a signe of regeneration or newe byth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that recease Baptisme ryghtly, are grafted into the Church: the promises of the forgenenesse of sinne, a of our adoption to be the sonness of God, by the holy ghost, are bisibly signed and sealed: fayth is confirmed, and grace encreased by bertue of play.

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er buto Bot. The baptilme of poung chplozen. is in anye wyle to be retayned in the Churche, as most agreeable with the institution of Chaiste.

Of the Lordes Supper.

"Ad Supper of the Lord, is not only a liane of the love that Christians ought to have a mong them felues one to another: but rather it is a Sacrament of our redemption by Christes death. Infomuch that to suche as ryght. Ive, worthylve, and with fayth receaue the fame, the bread whiche we breake is a partializing of the body of Christe, and like wife the cuppe of bles fing as a parttakying of the blood of Chaife.

Transubstantiation (or the chaunge of the substaunce of bread and wine) in the Supper of the Lorde, can not be proued by holye writ: but is repugnaunt to the playne wordes of scripture. ouertheoweth the nature of a Sacrament, and bath genen occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Chaile is geuen, taken, and eaten in the Supper, only after an heavenly and frirt tuall maner: And the meane whereby the body of Chill is receased and eaten in the Supper, is fayth.

The Sacrament of the Lordes Supper, was not by Christes ordinaunce referred, carred as bottlyfted by 02 worthypued.

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Of the wicked whiche do not eate the body 29 of Christe in the vie of the Lordes Supper.

The wicked, and suche as be boyde of a lyne-lye fayth, although they do carnally and bishly pelle with they, teeth (as Saint Augustine sayth) the Sacrament of the bodye and blood of Christ-pet in no wyse are they partakers of Christe, but rather to they condemnation, do eate and dynke the signe of Sacrament of so great a thying.

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The cuppe of the Loide is not to be denyed to the laye people. For both the parter of the Loides Sacrament, by Christes ordinance and commandement, ought to be ministred to all Christian men alybe.

Of the one oblation of Christe fini-

The offering of Chill once made, is the parfect redemption, propiciation, and fatifiaction for all the finnes of the whole worlde, both original and actuall, and there is none other fatifiaction for firme, but that alone, where fore the facrifices of Palles, in the whiche it was commonly layor that the Pricites did offer Christe

to: the quicke and the dead, to have remission of paine or gilt, were bialphemous fables and damingerous deceiptes.

Of the mariage of Priestes.

Denous, Prieses, and Deacons, are not commanded by Gods lawe eyther to bowe the state of single lyte, or to abstance from mariage. Therefore it is lawfull also for them, as for all other christian men, to marre at they owne discretion, as they shall sudge the same to serve better to godlynesse.

Of excommunicate persons, howe they are to be anoyded.

That person whiche by open demunication of the Churche, is ryghtly cut of from the buitte of the Churche, and ercommunicated, ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faythfull as air Heathen and Publicane, butyll he be openly reconciled by penaunce, and receased into the Churche by a judge that hath auctholitie thereto.

of the traditions of the Churche.

Tis not necellarie that traditions and ceremonies be in all places one, or otterly like, for at all times

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times they have ben diverte, and may be chaunged according to the divertitie of countreyes, times, and mensmaners, so that nothing be orbeyned agaynst Gods worde. Whosoever through his private indgement, wyllyngly and purposely both openlye breake the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, whiche be not repugnaunt to the worde of God, and be ordayned and approved by common aucthoritie: ought to be rebuked openly, (that other may feare to do the lyke) as he that offendeth agaynst the common order of the Church, and hurteth the aucthoritie of the Magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weake brethren.

Every particuler and nationall Churche, hath aucthoritie to ordayne, chaunge, and abolythe ceremonies or rites of the Churche ordey ned onlye by mans aucthoritie, so that all thinges be done

to edifiyna.

Of Homilies.

The seconde booke of Homilies, the severall titles wheref we have formed but extiss article, both contenue a godly and wholesome boctrine, and necessary for these tymes, as doth the somer booke of Homilies, whiche were set south in the time of Edwarde the sixt: and therefore we judge them to be read in Churches by the Apinisters distigntly, and distinctive, that they may be buderstanded of the people.

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Of the names of the Homilies.

of the right vie of the Churche.

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of the worthie receasing of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe.

16 Of the gyftes of the holy ghoft.

17 For the Rogation dayes.

18 Of the state of Matrimonie.

19 Of repentaunce.

20 Agaynst Idlenesse.

21 Agaynstrebellion

se Of consecration of Bishops and ministers.

The booke of Confectation of Archbyshops, and Byshops, and ordering of Priestes and Weacons, lately set footh in the tyme of Edwards.

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Edwarde the sprie, and configured at the same tyme by aucthoritie of Parliament, doth conteque all thynges necessary to suche consecration and ordering: neyther bath it any thyng, that of it lesses superstitious or bugodly. And therefore, whosever are consecrate or ordered according to the rites of that booke, sence the seconde pere of the aforenamed king Edwarde buto this time, or hereafter shalbe consecrated or ordered according to the same rites, we decree all suche to be ryghtly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

Of the Civill Magistrates.

The Queenes Paiellie hath the cheefepower in this Realme of Englande, and other her dominions, but o whom the cheefe gouernment of all effaces of this Realme, whether they be Eccletialticall or Civile, in all causes doth apparteyne, and is not, nor ought to be lubiect to

any forraigne furifoiction.

nohere we attribute to the Dueenes Maieltie the cheefe government, by whiche titles we buserstande the mindes of some saunderous folkes to be offended: we geve not to our princes the ministring either of gods word, or of Sacramentes, the whiche thyng the Infunctions also lately let forth by Elizabeth our Dueene, doth most plantly testifie: But that only prerogative whiche we see to have ben geven alwayes to all godly Princes

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ces in holy Scriptures by God hym lelfe, that is, that they houlde rule all cliates and degrees committed to their charge by GOD, whether they be Ecclelialicall or Temporall, and refrague with the civil (worde the flubberne and engil doers.

The British of Rome hath no inridiction in

this Realme of Englance.

The lawes of the Realme may punishe Chilifianmen with death, for heynous and greenous offences.

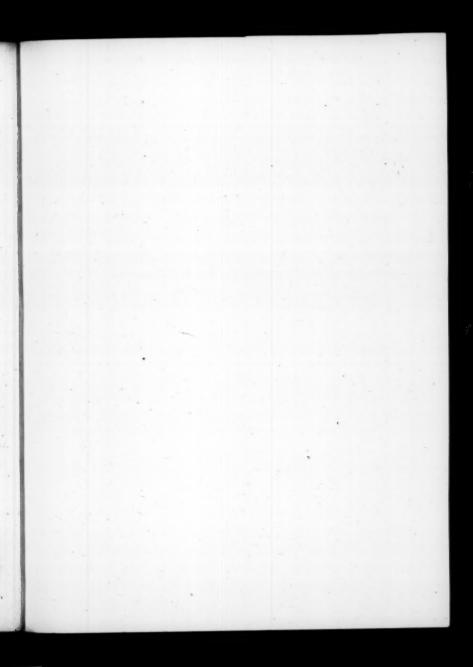
It is lawfull for Christian men, at the commaundement of the Magistrate, to were wear pous, and serve in the warres.

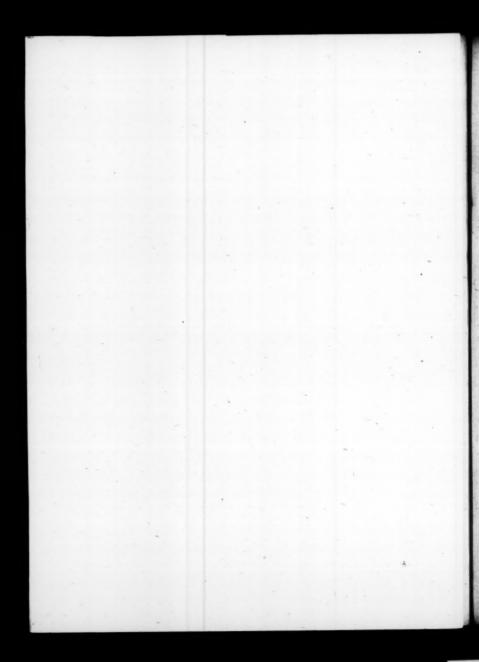
of Christian mens goodes, which

The rychelle and goodes of Christians are not common, as touching the ryght, tytle, and pollellion of the lame, ascertaine Anabaptistes do fallely boalt. Potwithstanding euery man ought of suche thynges as he possessed berallye to gene almes to the poore, according to his habilitie.

Ofa Christian mans othe.

As we consesse that bayne and rathe sweating is forbidden Christian men by our lord Jelus Christe, and James his Apolile: So we





we subge that Christian religion doth not prohibite, but that a man may tweare when the Magiltrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charitie, so it be done according to the prophetes teaching, in suffice, sudgement, and trueth.

The Ratification.

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HISBooke of Articles before rehearsed, is agayne approued, and allowed to be holden and executed within the Realme, by the assent and consent of our Soueraigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the

grace of GOD, of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande Queene, defender of the fayth. &c. VVhich Articles were deliberately read, and confirmed agayne by the subscription of the handes of the Archbyshop and Byshoppes of the vpper house, and by the subscription of the whole Cleargie in the neather house in their Conuocation, in the yere of our Lorde GOD, 1571.

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